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For: CAMSHAFT, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING CAM FOR CAMSHAFT, AND
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SHAFT FOR CAMSHAFT

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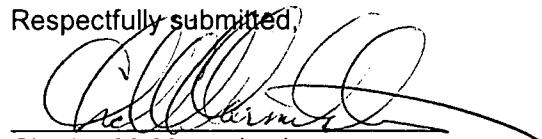
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
		JP 4-253559	09-09-1992	Mazda Motor Corp.		AB
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		JP 2002-124506	04-26-2002	Toshiba Corp.		AB
		JP 2002-164332	06-07-2002	Kanto Chem Co. Inc.		AB
		JP 4-138815	05-13-1992	Nippon Steel Corp.		AB
		JP 5-177542	07-26-1993	Nippon Steel Corp.		AB
		JP 2000-046268	12-12-2000	Nippon Seisen Co. Ltd.; Chuo Spring Co. Ltd.		AB
		JP 5-293513	11-09-1993	NKK Corp.		AB

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Rejection of the Application

Cited Reference(s)

- D1: Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 11-280419
- D2: Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 4-253559
- D3: Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-176864
- D4: Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-124506
- D5: Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-164332
- D6: Japanese Patent Publication No. 6-98379
- D7: Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 5-177542
- D8: Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-345268
- D9: Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 5-293513
- D10: Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 7-26910

Examiner's Statement

Claims 1 to 6 are rejected in view of references D1 to D9 for lack of novelty and inventive step.

Claims 1 to 6 are rejected in view of reference D10 for lack of inventive step.